

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An adhesive tape product comprising:
a hollow cylindrical core having a diameter and a width and an outer surface;
a length of adhesive tape having a uniform width and a length substantially greater than said width wound in several turns about said core said length of tape comprising a leader portion fixed to said core, a foam support portion and a usable tape portion; ~~and~~,
said foam support portion positioned after the leader portion and before said usable tape portion; and,
a compressible foam strip fixed to said tape foam support portion.
2. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said foam strip is 40 mils (1 mm) thick.
3. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said foam strip surrounding said core has a total thickness of 40 mils (1 mm).
4. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said foam strip surrounds said core in a single layer and said foam strip is 40 mils (1 mm) thick.
5. (Original) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said core comprises a thin solid tubular wall.
6. (Currently amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 5~~1~~, wherein said core has an outer surface bulging outwardly near the core's axial center giving said core a barrel shape.
7. (Currently amended) An adhesive tape product comprising:

a tape core having an axial width, said core being hollow with a solid outer wall, said outer wall having an outer surface which bulges outwardly at its axial center giving said core a barrel shape; ~~and,~~

a compressible foam strip surrounding said core; and,

a length of adhesive tape having a uniform width and a length substantially greater than said width, a first portion of said tape adhering to said core, and a useable tape portion wound in several turns about said core and said foam strip.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 8~~7~~, wherein said foam strip is 40 mils (1 mm) thick.

10. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 9, wherein said foam strip has a width approximately equal to said adhesive tape width and surrounds said core in a single layer.

Claims 11-15 (Canceled)

16. (New) An adhesive tape product comprising:

a tape core having an axial width, said core being hollow with a solid outer wall, said outer wall having an outer surface which bulges outwardly at its axial center giving said core a barrel shape;

a compressible foam strip;

a length of adhesive tape directly attached to said core and wherein said foam strip is directly attached to said length of said adhesive tape; and,

said length of adhesive tape having a uniform width and a length substantially greater than said width wound in several turns about said core.